

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 446 - HB 711

March 18, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the definition of eligible postsecondary institution to include Western Governors University as an eligible institution for receipt of the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship for nontraditional students.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures –

\$1,352,000/FY21-22/Lottery for Education Account
Exceeds \$1,352,000/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years/
Lottery for Education Account

Other Fiscal Impact – Funding of \$1,352,000 in FY21-22 and subsequent years will not be available for transfer from the Lottery for Education Account to the Tennessee Promise Scholarship Special Reserve Account.

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), Western Governors University currently has 338 students eligible to receive the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship for nontraditional students.
- The average award amount for the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship for nontraditional students is \$4,000 per year, resulting in an increase in state expenditures of \$1,352,000 (\$4,000 x 338 eligible students) in FY21-22. The number of eligible students that attend Western Governors University is expected to increase in subsequent years; therefore, the recurring increase in state expenditures in FY22-23 and subsequent years is estimated to exceed \$1,352,000.
- TSAC can accomplish the required program updates utilizing existing staff, without a significant increase in state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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